

1: Layard, John. Stone Men of Malekula. London: Chatto & Windus, 1942.

Pp. xxiv, 816; 24 plates; 87 figures; 11 tables; 10 maps.

/This is a portion of the results of field work done by Layard, a professional ethnologist, a number of years prior to publication. It should be noted that this source covers mainly the island of Vao, one of the Small Islands off Malekula's coast. Other Malekulan cultures mentioned, such as the Big Nambas, appear to represent considerable cultural divergence when compared to the Small Islands. In addition to his own work, Layard has also translated and included all relevant parts of the work of the missionary Godefroy. The book covers a relatively narrow part of Malekulan culture in a great deal of detail. Inasmuch as he was primarily interested in the distribution of "Megalithic culture," there is a long portion of the work devoted to the Maki, the religious ceremonial complex which involves megaliths. In addition, a considerable discussion is given the section system. Both of these institutions are studied in terms of broader distribution, and possible ways in which they developed. While there is some more general data, information on such things as land tenure, and child rearing is scant.--Analyst/

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2: Layard, John W. Atchin Twenty Years Ago. The Geographical Journal, Vol. 88, pp. 342-351. London: The Royal Geographical Society, 1936.

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[This source is by an ethnologist who later wrote the basic source on the Malekulans (see 1: Layard, this file). The first half of the article is a brief cultural summary of the Small Islands. The second half of the article deals with recent changes in the culture of the Islands due to the influence of western contact. --Analyst]

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- 3: Harrisson, T. H. The New Hebrides People and Culture. The Geographical Journal. Vol. 88, pp. 332-341. London: The Royal Geographical Society, 1936.

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[This article consists of two parts. The first is a general survey of the New Hebrides and Banks Islands. The author points out the cultural complexity of the area, and shows that there is a wide range of variation in the distribution of various culture elements. On the basis of these facts, he cautions against making broad generalizations about the area until more is known. The second portion of the article consists of a short description of the changes which have taken place on the island of Atchin, and is complementary to the earlier description given by Layard (see 1: Layard and 2: Layard, this file) in that it brings up to date certain features of native life. - Anal. st].

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